

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

--~~The~~ An image heating apparatus for heating an image formed on a recording material, including a heater, a holder for holding the heater, a rotating member rotating around the holder and being flexible and having a metal layer, and a pressure roller forming a nip with the heater across the rotating member, wherein the rotating member moves ~~in a direction around the rotating member and~~ detaching from the pressure roller just after passing through a downstream end portion of a surface of the heater opposed to the pressure roller. Thus, an uneven heating of a toner image can be prevented even in a case where the recording material becomes undulated after passing the nip portion.--